

Shenandoah National Park

Trail Ride Guide



Trip Name: Jenkins Gap, Browntown, Bluff, and Mt. Marshall (15-20 Mile Circuit)

Trip Description: Wilderness trails, timeworn byways, and quiet county roads lend variety to these circuits.

Trail Stability: Not a suitable route for wet/winter conditions.

PATC Map: PATC # 9 (North District)

Encounters: Route uses county roads outside of the park (No busy highways are included). Weekends bring heavy hiking and/or backpacking along this route.

Footing: Long stretches are rough, rocky, narrow, and/or in wilderness. Potential for troublesome stream crossings.

Skyline Drive Parking: Jenkins Gap Parking. Stock trailer OK. Parking is generally available.

Boundary Parking: Mt. Marshall Boundary Parking. Goose-neck trailer OK. Parking is generally available.

Option 1 - Total Distance 15.0 Miles

Park at Jenkins Gap on Skyline Drive, mile 12.3.

Turn right out of the parking area, riding along Skyline Drive about 0.3 mile.

Turn left at the concrete post onto Mt. Marshall Trail and ride for 3.5 miles.

Turn right onto Bluff Trail at the post, riding for another 3.5 miles.

Turn right onto Gravel Springs Road and ride uphill for 0.3 mile.

Cross Skyline Drive and ride down Browntown Trail (formerly a road) for 3.2 miles.

(Browntown Trail will leave the park; please stay on the road as you are on private property.)

Turn right onto state route 631 for 1.1 miles.

Turn right onto state route 634, riding 2.1 miles.

Look for the concrete post and bear left to get on Jenkins Gap Trail.

Ride up Jenkins Gap Trail 1 mile to return to your vehicle.

Option 2 - Total Distance 19.4 Miles

Park on state route 625 at the Mt. Marshall Trail boundary access.

Ride up Mt. Marshall Trail, past Jordan River Trail, to Bluff Trail, 2.2 miles.

Turn left onto Bluff Trail and ride 3.5 miles.

Turn right onto Gravel Springs Road and ride uphill for 0.3 mile.

Cross Skyline Drive and ride down Browntown Trail (formerly a road) for 3.2 miles.

(Browntown Trail will leave the park; please stay on the road as you are on private property.)

Turn right onto state route 631 for 1.1 miles.

Turn right onto state route 634, riding 2.1 miles.

Look for the concrete post and bear left to get on Jenkins Gap Trail.

Ride up Jenkins Gap Trail 1 mile.

Turn right out of Jenkins Gap parking area to ride along Skyline Drive about 0.3 mile.

Turn left at the concrete post onto Mt. Marshall Trail.

Ride down the mountain on Mt. Marshall Trail 5.7 miles to return to your vehicle.